



## News Release

### ECBC personnel part of award-winning team

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**Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.** – The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) announced that the Joint Service Family of Decontamination Systems (JSFDS) team was recognized with the David Packard Award for Excellence in Department of Defense Acquisition. Several ECBC personnel are critical members of the JSFDS team.

ECBC has more than 85 years of experience in detection, protection and decontamination technologies for countering chemical and biological agents. ECBC scientists and engineers on the JSFDS team contribute valuable input in scientific, logistic and operational realms.

The Packard award evaluates nominated programs for reductions in product life cycle costs; responsiveness, efficiency and timeliness of acquisition; integration of DoD personnel and practices with equivalents in the commercial sector; continuous improvement of the acquisition process; and accomplishment of goals relative to acquisition reform.

The JSFDS team was nominated for “exceptional performance, innovation, and application of best acquisition practices and outstanding program management practices.” The team is made up of members of each Service, with each Service having lead of at least one of the six main focus areas of the JSFDS work.

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